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SUBJECT: HONDURAN FONMIN REPORTS TO OAS ON PROGRESS IN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR

1. ON FEBRUARY 9, HONDURAN FONMIN PALMA GALVEZ PRESENTED
REPORT ON LATEST PROGRESS OF HONDURAN-SALVADOREAN NEGOTIA-
TIONS TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, NICARAGUAN AMBASSA-
DOR SEVILLA-SACASA. PALMA TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON STEPS LEADING
TO CHOICE OF A MEDIATOR. FOUR CANDIDATES CHOSEN AT PANAMA
ON DECEMBER 2 MEETING WERE DR. EDUARDO JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA
AND DR. JUAN CARLOS BLANCO OF URUGUAY, DR. JORGE SALVADOR
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LARA OF ECUADOR, AND THE MAN WHO WAS CHOSEN BY LOT
IN A DRAWING HELD ON DECEMBER 12 AT SAN JOSE, DR. JOSE LUIS
BUSTAMANTE OF PERU.

2. PALMA'S REPORT GAVE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF AGREEMENTS
UNDERTAKEN AT JANUARY 7 MEETING OF TWO PRESIDENTS AT

CUSTOMSHOUSE IN EL POY: QUOTE: ON THIS OCCASION BOTH CHIEFS OF STATE REITERATED THE POLITICAL DISPOSITION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES TO RESOLVE WITHIN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE AND IN A DEFINITIVE WAY THE MATTERS THAT ARE IN THE COURSE OF SOLUTION AND WITH THIS AIM:

A: THEY INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS

DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEDIATION PROCESS THAT THEY ARE CONDUCTING, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE REACHED DURING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE TASK OF THE DESIGNATED MEDIATOR, DR. JOSE LUIS BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO;

B: THEY STUDIED THE FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE PROSPECTS OF ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THEY INSTRUCTED THE COMPETENT OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE THE STUDY AND TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER WORK MAY BE NECESSARY IN THIS REGARD; AND

C: THEY AGREED TO KEEP AND TO BROADEN CONTACTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS SO AS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF RE-ESTABLISHING FULLY NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE.

3. PALMA REPORTED THAT AT A MEETING IN LIMA IT WAS AGREED
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THAT BUSTAMANTE WILL ASSUME HIS FUNCTIONS AS MEDIATOR ON APRIL 3, THAT THE MEDIATION SITE WILL BE LIMA, AND THAT SOME INTERPRETATIONS OF CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) DISPOSITIONS OF THE MEDIATION CONVENTION REMAIN SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. VANCE

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